

# AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION CONTEST

Contest developed by Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and adapted by the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show & Rodeo



Event Date: March 11, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. – Frances Cooper Event Center (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

This event is subject to the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations and the Special Rules of this section. Where special rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.

Special Rules for Agricultural Product Identification Contest:

1. Eligibility:

- A. This event is open to the first 100 teams to successfully submit an entry form.
- B. Students must be in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade up to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade as of the date of the contest.
- C. Students must be enrolled in public, private, or homeschool in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, or Willacy Counties. Enrolled college or university students are not eligible.
- D. Division:
  - i. 4-H/FFA – 4-H team members must be from the same county. FFA team members must be from the same Chapter. Public School – Team members must be from the same school campus.
- E. Each team shall consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of four (4) students. Team scores will be calculated based on the highest total score of three (3) team members.
- F. Each team must be certified by a 4-H club manager, Ag Science Teacher, or school sponsor/official.
- G. Contestants must meet academic eligibility rules as identified in the UIL Side-by-Side document.

2. Entry: An entry fee of \$10 per team made payable to RGVLS, at day of registration or online before February 25<sup>th</sup>. This will be charged per team. Entries must be submitted prior to the registration **deadline of 5pm on March 10<sup>th</sup>**

3. Conduct of Contestants:

- A. There will be no talking between contestants during the contest. Violating this

rule may cause the contestants and their teams to be disqualified and ineligible to receive awards.

- B. Only contestants and contest officials will be allowed in the contest area during the competition.
- C. Contestants must have their contest number clearly visible on their clothing.
- D. Contestants cannot smoke or use any tobacco products in the contest facilities.
- E. Contestants must advance from one exhibit to the next when instructed to do so.
- F. Contestants must evaluate each exhibit in sequence and will not be allowed to return to any exhibit after advancing.
- G. Contestants should not in any way willfully obstruct the work of another contestant.
- H. If an ineligible contestant is permitted to judge, the team and individual members of that team will be ineligible for prizes and future entry into this contest may be denied to the school, County 4-H, or FFA Chapter.
- I. No electronic communication devices will be allowed in the contest area.
- J. Contestants will not be allowed to bring/use any materials (written/printed) while in the contest.

- 4. Contest Format: Twenty (20) Texas agricultural products selected from the **Texas Agriculture Product List & RGV Addendum** will be exhibited at separate stations. Contestants will select the correct identification of each product from four possible answers. In addition, each station will have one multiple choice question pertaining to the product on display. Question may be: a) general to the industry that produced the product (i.e. Texas' national ranking, economic impact to Texas, general nutritional content, region of production); or b) specific to the individual product that is on display (i.e. cooking method, use, growing season, specific nutrition of the cut or variety). Contestants will be allowed 30 seconds at each station before they are asked to advance to the next station.
- 5. Scoring: Contestants will receive five (5) points for each product that is correctly identified and five (5) points for each question that is correctly answered. Points will only be awarded on the follow-up questions (pertaining to the product displayed) if the product is correctly identified.

**Total Points Possible**

Individual.....200 points  
Team.....600 points

- 6. Ties: Seven (7) stations will be selected as tie breakers in advance of the contest. Teams with the highest cumulative scores at these seven (7) stations will win any ties. If ties still remain, winners will be determined by the toss of a coin.
- 7. References: The following websites are recommended references. Teams will also benefit from their own web searches and by visiting supermarkets to view products listed on the Texas Agriculture Product List & RGV Addendum.
  - A. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension's Texas Horticulture & Crops  
<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/extension/Texascrops.html>
  - B. USDA Cuts of Beef  
<http://consumer.certifiedangusbeef.com/cuts/Default.aspx>
  - C. Pork Cuts  
<http://www.texaspork.org/Consumer.html>
  - D. Texas Agriculture Products  
<http://www.beagsmart.org>

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<https://www.heb.com/category/shop/food-and-drinks/fruit-and-vegetables/2976>

8. Awards:

Contestants

- i. Teams – 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place rosettes
- ii. High Point Individuals – 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place banner
- iii.

## **Texas Agriculture Product List**

Almond	Celery	Lime	Plum
Aloe Vera	Cherry	Loquat	Pomegranate
Apple	Cilantro	Mandarin	Potato
Apricot	Coconut	Mango	Pumpkin
Artichoke	Collard Greens	Mayhaw	Radish
Asparagus	Cucumber	Muscadine	Rosemary
Avocado	Dill	Napa	Serrano
Banana	Eggplant	Okra	Snap Peas
Bean	Fig	Olive	Spinach
Beet	Ginger	Onion (Dry)	Squash (Summer)
Black-Eyed Peas	Grapefruit	Onion (Green)	Squash (Winter)
Blackberry	Green Bean	Orange	Strawberry
Blueberry	Guava	Papaya	Sweet Corn
Bok Choy	Honeydew	Peach	Sweet Potato
Broccoli	Jalapeno	Pear	Tangerine
Brussels Sprout	Jicama	Peas	Tomatillo
Cabbage	Jujube	Pecan	Tomato
Cantaloupe	Kohlrabi	Pepper (Bell)	Turnip
Carrot & Maroon	Leeks	Pepper (Chile)	Walnut
Carrot	Lemon	Persimmon	Watermelon
Cauliflower	Lettuce	Pineapple	

\* All beef and pork products are also subject to inclusion in this contest

## **RGV Addendum**

Amaranth	Greens, arugula	Melons, honeydew
Arugula	Greens, collard	Melons, watermelon
Cabbage, chinese	Greens, dandelion	Melons, watermelon seedless
Cabbage, green	Greens, kale	Onions, dry red
Cabbage, red	Greens, lettuce	Onions, dry white
Cabbage, savoy	Greens, mustard	Onions, dry yellow
Cabbage, white	Greens, parsley	Onions, green
Citrus, grapefruit	Greens, swiss chard	Parsley root
Citrus, lemons	Greens, turnip	Peas, southern
Citrus, oranges	Herbs, basil	Peppers, chile
Citrus, tangelos	Herbs, cilantro	Peppers, green
Citrus, tangerines	Herbs, curly parsley	Potatoes, chipper
Cucumbers, pickling	Herbs, dill	Potatoes, fresh
Cucumbers, slicing	Herbs, parsley	Spinach, curly leaf (savoy)
Endive	Kohlrabi, green	Spinach, flat leaf
Escarole	Kohlrabi, purple	Tomatillo
Grapes, wine	Melons, cantaloupe	

